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(01.0802); REFERENCE TO MARS-VIKING DELEGATION

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1. PER REFTEL, EMBOFF 17 MARCH DISCUSSED TIMING, VENUE, AND LODGING QUESTIONS ON SEMINAR WITH KARITONOV, ACADEMY OF SCIENCES. KARITONOV WHO HAD EARLIER RECEIVED MESSAGE SIMILAR TO REFTEL FROM NAS (MITCHELL), PROVIDED FOLLOWING INFORMATION:

(A) CURRENT ACADEMY THINKING IS TO HOLD SEMINAR OUTSIDE OF MOSCOW, EITHER IN MOSCOW "REGION" OR NEAR BALTIC COAST.

(B) SEMINAR TIMING AND LODGING QUESTIONS TIED TO DECISION ON VENUE, BUT ACADEMY ANTICIPATES BEING ABLE TO INVITE SPOUSES OF "SENIOR PARTICIPANTS." ACCORDING TO KARITONOV, PROVIDING HOUSING TO SPOUSES OF "OTHERS" WILL BE "DIFFICULT," SINCE ENTIRE PARTY SHOULD BEST "NUMBER ONLY TWELVE TO FIFTEEN."

(C) KARITONOV SAID THAT DECISION ON VENUE EXPECTED "SOON", AND THAT ACADEMY WILL RESPOND TO MITCHELL BY TELEX NEXT WEEK; HE HAS PROMISED TO PROVIDE EMBASSY
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2. KARITONOV CLARIFIED THAT WHILE DECISIONS ON SEMINAR MUST BE CLEARED WITH ANISIMOV, ACTUAL ARRANGEMENTS ARE BEING OVERSEEN BY ACADEMICIAN SAGDAYEV, DIRECTOR OF THE INSTITUTE OF COSMIC RESEARCH. SCICOUNS WILL ATTEMPT TO MEET SHORTLY WITH SAGDAYEV, WHOSE INSTITUTE HOSTED RECENT, HIGHLY SUCCESSFUL VISIT OF U.S. MARS-

VIKING TEAM.

3. DEPARTMENT MAY WISH TO NOTE TO PINES THAT SOVIET RESPONSE ON SUPPORT OF SPOUSES OF "SENIORS ONLY" IS CONSISTENT WITH GENERAL SOVIET PRACTICE, E.G., OFTEN ONLY "SENIORS" ARE ACCOMPANIED BY SPOUSES TO SOCIAL EVENTS DESPITE EMBASSY'S INVITATION OF ALL SPOUSES. SCIENCE OFFICE WILL ATTEMPT TO GET WIDEST POSSIBLE SUPPORT BY SOVIETS OF THIS DELEGATION, BUT U.S. PARTICIPANTS SHOULD BE AWARE OF THIS SOVIET "TRADITION" WHICH WILL HAVE TO BE OVERCOME.
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